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Charged With A DUI?



(Helpful Guide to Navigate Your Case)

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Client Testimonials

"I had 4 DUI's and thought it would be impossible to get my license back...Jerry told me that if I followed his directions that I would be back on the road in ...[Read More >>](#)

Aggressive Defense Against Drunk Driving and Other Charges

A [DUI arrest](#) – whether the first, [second](#) or any subsequent offense – can be tough to handle. You want to make sure that a simple mistake or alcohol problem does not cast a shadow over the rest of your life.

I am Jerry Novak, an experienced Illinois DUI attorney. I started Jerald Novak & Associates to help people in Lake County and northern Cook County, Illinois, who have been arrested for DUI or other [criminal charges](#) including [weapon concealment](#). Call me today at (847) 250-1385 or contact me for a free initial consultation.

My job is to simply and clearly explain the law to my clients, tell them what to expect, and help them avoid the harsh penalties associated with a DUI or criminal arrest. If you lost your license, I have a proven record of providing driving relief.

I don't just say I can help with your Illinois DUI defense; I have the experience to prove it.

Attorney Profile

Jerald Novak

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I am Jerald Novak and I opened Jerald Novak & Associates to help people deal with the stress and legalities associated with DUI and criminal defense. I provide legal advice and representation for people charged with their first DUI or people who have been charged with multiple DUI offenses. I have significant experience handling issues related to DUI defense, Secretary of State Reinstatement Hearings, suspended or revoked driver licenses, and other criminal defense matters.

A majority of my DUI clients come from Lake County and northern Cook County, Illinois including the cities of Grayslake, Waukegan, Buffalo Grove, Deerfield, Libertyville, Mundelein, Gurnee, and Vernon Hills.

As a former Assistant State's Attorney and as a private defense attorney, I have handled cases as simple as a traffic violation and as serious as murder. I hold a license to practice law in all Illinois State Courts and all Federal Courts including the U.S. Supreme Court. I have been previously licensed to practice law in Washington D.C. and the U.S. Tax Court.

I have lectured at professional seminars for Alcohol and Drug Counselors including NICASA and IODAPCA. I have been recognized as a member of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. I have also been a participating member of the Chicago Bar Association, the Illinois Bar Association and the Lake County Bar Association. I have taught law and business courses at the college level. I hold a J.D. from the John Marshall Law School and a Bachelors Degree from Northeastern Illinois University.

If you have been charged with a Driving Under the Influence or any other criminal offense, please contact Jerald Novak & Associates. I don't just say I can help with your Illinois DUI defense, I **prove** I can help.

Areas of Practice:

- Criminal Law
- DUI/DWI
- Drug Violations
- Felonies
- Juvenile Crimes
- Misdemeanor
- Parole & Probation
- Sex Offenses
- Traffic Violations
- White Collar Crimes

Litigation Percentage:

80% of Practice Devoted to Litigation

Bar Admissions:

Illinois, 1987

Education:

- John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois, 1987
J.D.
- Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, Illinois, 1980
B.S. (Major: Business)

Honors and Awards:

- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)/International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Instructor Course – Certificate of Completion
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)/International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Practitioner student course – Certificate of Completion

As an experienced DWI defense lawyer, I have handled thousands of drunk driving cases and have had extraordinary success helping clients deal with a wide range of issues related to DUI/DWI charges. Areas my drunk driving defense firm routinely handles include:

- [Driving under the influence](#) (single and multiple offenses)
- [Driving while license suspended or revoked](#)
- Leaving the scene of an accident
- Transportation of open liquor
- [Ignition interlock devices](#)
- Hardship licenses and license reinstatement
- All other DUI-related charges, from reckless homicide to traffic offenses

If you are charged with DUI, you need a law firm that concentrates on DUI defense. At Jerald Novak & Associates, that is exactly what you get. By concentrating on DUI cases, I am able to provide my clients with the most skilled and informed representation available in Lake County and Cook County. I keep up to date with the significant changes to Illinois DUI/DWI laws, and am able to use my knowledge and skills to form an effective and creative defense strategy for you.

My client testimonials speak volumes about what I can achieve in Illinois DUI cases, and if you would like, you can speak directly to clients I have helped.

A Proven Success

If you have been charged with driving-under-the-influence or any other criminal offense, please contact Jerald Novak & Associates. I Win DUI Cases.



An Overview of DUI Defense

Fighting Back Against Drunk Driving Charges

If you have been arrested for driving under the influence (DUI) for the first time, it is probably your first encounter with the criminal justice system. If this is your second or third offense, you may face felony-level penalties. Either way, you need an experienced aggressive attorney who has a thorough understanding of Illinois DUI laws, and who is committed to winning your case and minimizing the possible consequences.

I am Jerry Novak, an experienced Illinois DUI defense attorney. I formed Jerald Novak & Associates in 1987 after working as an assistant states' attorney handling DUI prosecutions. By focusing my entire practice on DUI and criminal defense, I am able to provide exceptional DUI representation and drunk driving information to all my clients. Call (847) 250-1385 today for your free phone consultation. You can also contact us online to schedule a free consultation.

A Wealth of Experience and Credentials

I have the credentials, experience and accomplishments to successfully represent people in DUI cases. Since my practice is dedicated to DUI matters, I often know more about DUI law than many of the prosecuting attorneys. I know how to challenge blood alcohol concentration (BAC) results, field sobriety tests, and Breathalyzer results in court. I can challenge your DUI license suspension in court or petition the court for a driving permit - MDDP – that will allow you to drive during most of

your license suspension. In addition, many of my clients receive restricted driving permits (RDP) – also known as hardship licenses – that allow them to drive even if their license is revoked.

Often DUI cases involve more than a drunk driving charge. I have the experience to handle all charges related to your DUI arrest, including:

- Transportation of open liquor
- Driving while license is suspended or revoked
- Leaving the scene of an accident
- Failing to stop for a police officer
- Other traffic offenses

When people are arrested for an Illinois DUI, they often have many questions. I provide a free phone consultation where we will discuss the charges against you, the strategy for your defense, and tell you honestly where you stand.

Saving Your Illinois Driver's License

If you have been arrested for a DUI, your Illinois driver's license will be suspended on the 46th day after the date of your arrest. If you wish to challenge the license suspension we must get into court immediately and request a hearing on your suspension. The suspension is automatic and will occur on the 46th day unless we successfully contest the suspension before that time. You may be eligible for an MDDP (monitoring device driving permit), which would allow you to drive for most of your suspension.

What is a 'First Offender'?

According to Illinois Vehicle Code, a first offender is defined as someone who has:

- Not had a previous DUI
- Not had a previous DUI suspension (statutory summary suspension)
- Not had a DUI reduced to reckless driving
- Not had an 'order of court supervision'
- A prior DUI charge was dismissed, but your license was suspended
- You were charged with reckless driving for any reason

The Illinois Secretary of State will send you a Confirmation Notice of your DUI suspension. That notice may say you are a 'first offender'. Based on my experience, as a DUI defense attorney, I can investigate and determine what your status will be for the court.

An actual first offender would have to obtain a DUI evaluation, attend DUI education and counseling, and pay a fine. However, if you comply with these requirements it may be possible to resolve the case without a conviction in your public driving record.

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